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September 26, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445-112 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Room TW-A306 Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Karen M. Majcher Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L. Street, NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20037

Re: CC Docket 96-45, USF Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316(b) the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certifies it has reviewed the comparability of urban rates nationwide to residential rates in rural areas of the state served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers, and certifies to the Commission and the Administrator the rates are reasonably comparable for purposes of section 254(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bob Shirley at bshirley@utc.wa.gov or at (360) 664-1283.

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Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN

**Executive Secretary** 

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